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## ARCHIVES

John H. Brooks, Jr.,  
Records

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### Collection Information

Abstract : John H. Brooks, Jr., was a farmer and blacksmith in Worcester during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Ledger and other financial papers provide insight into the economic aspects of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Family genealogies, poetry, and miscellanea provide insight into personal and family interests.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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Provenance : Gift of David Fisher, Worcester, Mass., January 2000.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Brooks family – Genealogy.  
Lovell family – Genealogy.  
Lovel family – Genealogy.  
Brooks, John H., Jr., d. ca. 1891.  
Brooks, John H., Jr., d. ca. 1891 – Finance, Personal.  
Blacksmiths – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Blacksmiths – Massachusetts – Worcester – Finance.  
Farmers – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Farmers – Massachusetts – Worcester – Finance.  
Account books.  
Poetry.  
American poetry.

### Historical/Biographical Notes

John H. Brooks, Jr., was a farmer and was said to also have been a blacksmith in Worcester during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He was son of John Brooks and Sabitha Lovell (Lovel) Brooks, born (probably) before 1810, died around 1891. The Brooks farm was located on Nelson Place at Holden Street in the northerly part of the city. Brooks married Olive E. Morse in 1837.

Ledger entries provide insight into the financial affairs of the Brooks family and farm, and the blacksmith business. The ledger apparently continues earlier records, which are not available.

Genealogical information of the Brooks family indicate marriages and deaths from 1802 through most of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Genealogical information on the Lovell family provides names and relationships of two or three generations of Brooks' mother's family.

Poetry clippings inserted in the ledger book suggest a personal or family interest in poetry.

## Scope and Content

The collection includes a ledger with personal, farm related, and blacksmith business related financial records from 1844 to 1891. Memoranda inserted in the ledger include receipts and other financial data from the same time period. An earlier ledger with records prior to 1844 is not available.

Also included are manuscript lists of family members and genealogical information of Brooks and Lovell (Lovel) families, from ca. 1800 to ca. 1900.

Other items include undated clippings of poems, an undated manuscript poem "A widow's plea for her son", and ephemera.

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## Series Description

Series 1: Financial records. Includes ledger and receipts, memoranda, etc. (7 items)

Series 2: Genealogies. manuscript lists of family members through three or four generations of Brooks and Lovell families. (4 items)

Series 3: Poetry. Includes three clippings of poems from newspapers, n.d., and manuscript poem *A widow's plea for her son*, no author, no date. (4 items)

Series 4: Miscellaneous. Includes blotting paper, letterhead. (2 items)

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Series 1, Financial Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	BV	2000.12.1.1	Journal of income and expenses, business and personal, 1844-1891; memoranda at end of volume largely business income and expenses, 1844-1891. 1 vol.
1	1	2000.12.1.2	Receipt: Henry Dennis' Sons, to J.H. Brooks, Sr., for clothing, January 29, 1892.
1	1	2000.12.1.3	Memoranda: J.H. Upton, Esq., to J.H. Brooks, Jr., charges 1847-1849.
1	1	2000.12.1.4	Receipt: J.H. Brooks, from A.L. Eaton, for supplies and sundries, October 10, 1867.
1	1	2000.12.1.5	Memoranda: A.H. Sears to J.H. Brooks, Jr., for various goods, 1884-1885.
1	1	2000.12.1.6	Receipt: from J.H. Brooks, Jr., June 9, 1866.
1	1	2000.12.1.7	Memoranda: letter of recommendation for farm worker, with receipts appended, 1886.

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Series 2, Genealogy

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2000.12.2.1	Lists: Brooks family marriages, 1802-1860, and deaths, 1811-1867.
1	2	2000.12.2.2	List: Brooks family members, 1631-1876.
1	2	2000.12.2.3	List: Lovell (Lovel) family members, undated.
1	2	2000.12.2.4	Clipping: "Noted living Albanians, a series of pen portraits by one who knows them", No. XIX in series / Albany, N.Y. : Albany Times, n.d.

Series 3, Poetry

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2000.12.3.1a-c	Clippings: poems from newspapers, S.l.: s.n., n.d. 3 items.
1	3	2000.12.3.2	"A widow's plea for her son" / author unidentified. Manuscript, 4 p.

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Series 4, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2000.12.4.1	"Form 38", Boston, Mass., 187_. Top only.
1	3	2000.12.4.2	Blotting paper, 4 x 6 ½ in., used with purple ink.